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“The goal of the MI (the abbreviation comes from the Latin *Militia Immaculatae*, or Militia of the Immaculata) is, in fact, to make sure that all become saints. In all this activity, what strikes the eye most of all is its Marian thrust. This is a consequence of a precise understanding of the mission of the Immaculata.” (KW 1220)

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By John W. Galten, MI National President

Dear MI Members,

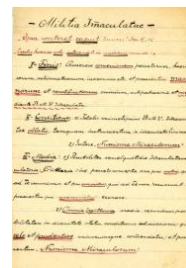
At the International MI Symposium, held in Fatima 2016, to herald the beginning of the centenary of the founding of the MI, Father Raffaele spoke of St. Maximilian’s emphasis on prayer as a prelude to mission. It seems to me that the International President sounded in his talks the themes for this unique year of celebration and, consequently, worthy of a more extended consideration and commentary.

As a boy in Catholic Poland and in his own family, St. Maximilian was surrounded, one might say, bathed in prayer. It was the very atmosphere of Polish culture, particularly devotion to the Mother of God, who was seen as the Queen of Poland. In addition to this atmosphere of prayer, an incident occurred in the early life of our founder wherein his mother scolded him and in her motherly frustration asked the rhetorical question, “Raymond, what is to become of you?”. This question pierced the heart of young Raymond, driving him to prayer in front of the image of Mary at his parish church. He asked her to answer this question posed by his mother: As St. Maximilian later confided, the Immaculata appeared to him and offered him two crowns—a red one of martyrdom and a white one of purity. As the young saint that he was becoming, he generously asked for both. Thus, in that simple prayer of a young boy began his Marian mission of consecration and sacrificial love unto victimhood. This brief prayerful encounter began the trajectory of his ultimate life’s mission to win the whole world for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus through consecration to the Immaculata.

St. Maximilian never forgot that experience of prayer. From that moment on all of his decisions and actions arose out of prayer—attentive to the will of the Immaculata who never deviated from the will of God. One could accurately say that Maximilian acted out of his communion with the Immaculata and her spouse the Holy Spirit. This communion of prayerful entrustment forms the core of his life. This communion of entrustment to the Immaculata through prayer is the very foundation of our own MI spirituality as her Knights. The MI consecration itself is a profound form of prayer which shapes our very view of life and directs all of our actions toward the Kingdom and its spread. Our daily prayerful repetition of our consecration initiates the mission of our day, as God and the Immaculata will and direct it.

As we know, prayer is a necessity for salvation. We cannot attain heaven without this gift of ourselves to a loving God. God gave us in the gift of speech, both interiorly and exteriorly, a way of making the gift of ourselves able to be manifested to God. Because we are made in the image of God, as persons we have the call to give ourselves to others in love and we need and are capable of receiving in love the gift of others.

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REQUEST ANSWERED

*A deeply heartfelt **Thank You** to our fellow MI members, Ron and Immaculada, from Alabama,*

who generously responded to the appeal for a vehicle for the MI National Center. May Our Lady reward them a hundredfold and our grateful prayers accompany them!

PERMANENT MI NATIONAL OFFICE BEING SOUGHT

Now that the MI National has settled into a temporary space at Santa Maria del Popolo Parish in Mundelein, Illinois, the MI National Council has discussed and determined some specific needs in terms of moving to a permanent site. Placing our trust in the Immaculata, following the example of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the Council is seeking approximately 1,500 square feet of space. That would allow for an

administrative office, workroom/meeting area, kitchenette, storage space and perhaps a small chapel. Overnight accommodations on-site or very nearby, as well, would be ideal. If you or someone you know might have a property, a house or a building you are able to donate to the MI, we would like to discuss such a tax-deductible gift with you. Please call MI National—USA at (331) 223-5564 or email us at

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@MissionImmaculata.com.

For info about the MI Youth & Young Adults visit:
MIYouth.org

Check the MI official Facebook page:
Mission of the Immaculata



Three main MI Centenary Celebrations will be held around the country, open to MI members and all Catholic faithful. Detailed information will follow.

Midwest

Date: Saturday, June 24, 2017
When: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Where: Santa Maria del Popolo Parish Center, Mundelein, IL

SAVE THE DATE Centennial Celebrations & MI National Pilgrimage

West Coast

Date: Saturday, August 12, 2017
When: TBA
Where: St. Christopher Parish Hall
West Covina, CA

East Coast

Date: November 2017
Where: Philadelphia, PA (location TBA)

Plan to come, celebrate and rekindle your dedication to Our Lady's mission in the XXI century!

MI NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI, SIENA AND ROME with participation in the 100th Anniversary International Celebrations
October 10-19, 2017

Be part of this once-in-a-lifetime-event!
Join the MI National President, John Galten, and MI members from around the country!
Pilgrimage Chaplain: Fr. Stephen Boyle, O.Praem.
Call Mater Dei Tours TODAY to be on the Pilgrims list: 800-515-2632

St. Maximilian Kolbe: His Prophetic Vision Continues

By Fr. Marco Tasca, OFM Conv., Minister General and MI International Spiritual Assistant

The following is an extensive excerpt from the Letter addressed by Fr. Tasca to all the Conventual Franciscan Friars throughout the world on the 100th Anniversary of the MI.



The Foundation, Nature and Mission of the MI

It was really the desire to love in the style of Christ, and to experience the richness of entrusting oneself to Mary, that gave rise to the MI in 1917. This Marian movement was the solution Kolbe and his companions founded to address the delicate social, political, economic and religious situation of their day. The Marian association that Kolbe and his six companions founded was the prophetic vision that was put forward as an element to resolve and propel through the great darkness humanity was enduring in that period.

Maximilian was not afraid of novelty, in fact it launched him into new forms of apostolate, supported and driven by the strength that emanates from God. He imagined the MI as a mission that could reach the hearts of all men, surpassing previous models of associations.

He desired that the MI "be less 'transcendentalis' than 'universalis', that is to say, it should not present itself as one more organization among the many that already exist, but rather deeply permeate all organizations" (KW 658). According to Kolbe, a movement that was born by listening to the voice of the Spirit and which lives by entrusting oneself to the Immaculata cannot be constrained and is called to be "woven into" every part of the ecclesial and social fabric. Indeed, "the purpose of the Militia of the Immaculata is to conquer the

whole world, all hearts and each person individually, for the Queen, not only of Heaven, but also of the Earth. To give true happiness to those poor unfortunates who seek it in the ephemeral pleasures of this world, this is our aim" (KW 97).

Today the MI is called to important enterprises in evangelism in keeping with its history, its journey and especially with its distinctly missionary vocation. I have been following the path of the Kolbean association with great care and attention and with satisfaction, too.... In many countries the Kolbean Association is being rediscovered as something well-suited for young people, to the point that a World Day for young MI members has been called for 2018.

Love was the driving force that animated the Saint's whole missionary journey. Evangelization, mission, martyrdom—everything came from a heart that loved in the light of the contemplation the Lord, a Lord who gives generously, without limits or boundaries.

Kolbe said: "Your personal sanctification is your first occupation. Commitment toward the sanctification of others must be the overabundance of your love toward Jesus" (KW 987F).

The Saint, with his spiritual experience, shows that you can achieve great apostolic goals if you express charity in your daily life through concrete and tangible acts.

The Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the MI

The message and testimony of Kolbe are still very current and in this "favorable time" our Order and the MI are called to discover the relevance of his prophecy in the mission. The mission is not exempt from persecution as it witnesses the Gospel in contexts that are secularized and hostile to the Christian message and its apostolic journey. In this spirit, the MI, with the Government of the Order present, began preparing for the 100th anniversary of its foundation with a Marian Congress held in Fatima.... On October 16-18, 2017, in Rome, the centennial will be solemnly celebrated with timely moments for prayer, discussion and festivities. The year 2017 shall be a Kolbean Year for the entire Order, with opportunities to reflect on the legacy of Kolbe in the Church, in the Order and in the context of the New Evangelization.... May we experience this Kolbean Jubilee Year with great interior joy and with a greater emphasis on listening. We have a wonderful spiritual patrimony. It can be the basis for new itineraries suggested by the Holy Spirit to benefit the Church and humanity and that the Order and the MI, in profound communion, may want to develop. Like Kolbe, in addition to Kolbe, under the creative influence of the Holy Spirit, we are invited to discover new avenues of mission that can speak to the hearts of the men and women of our time. ■

“Trust God”

The following is an inspiring article (KW 1264), written by Fr. Maximilian during his stay at Mugenzai no Sono, probably in the year 1932-1933. It was never published, but was preserved and is now part of the critical edition of his Writings.

At times life is so hard!
You feel there is no longer a way out.
You cannot bore through a wall with your head. The situation is grim, harsh, at times awful, and hopeless.

But why? Is it really that awful to live in this world? Does not God know everything? Is He not almighty? Does He not have in His hands all the laws of nature, and even all the hearts of men? Could anything possibly happen in the universe without His permission? And if He does permit it, could He possibly permit something that is not for our own good, for a greater good, for the greatest good possible?...

Even if we were endowed with infinite intelligence for a brief moment and were able to fathom all causes and effects, we would not choose for ourselves anything other than what God allows, because, being infinitely wise, He knows exactly what is best for our souls. Moreover, being infinitely good, He wants and permits only what we need for our greatest happiness in heaven.

Why, then, do we grow so dejected at times? Because we are unable to see the link that exists between our happiness and the trials that afflict us. In fact, due to the limitations of our head (it fits only... a cap or a hat), we are unable to know everything. What shall we do then?

Trust in God. By way of such trust, without understanding things directly, we give great glory to God for we acknowledge His wisdom, His goodness and His power.

Let us trust in God, then, but trust Him without limits. Let us be confident that, if we are concerned only with doing His Will, no real harm will ever come to us, even if we were to live in times a thousandfold harsher than the ones we live in now.

So, should we not strive to prevent and to remove difficulties?
Of course; we can and we should. For what depends on us, we must do all we can to get rid of the difficulties on the path of our lives, but without restlessness, without anxiety, and especially without hopelessness. Because such states of mind not only prevent us from solving our difficulties, but make us unable to keep up wise, cautious and swift work.

Also, in all things let us not forget to repeat with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane: “Not my will but Thine be done” (Lk 22:42). And if, as happened in the Gethsemane, God were to see fit not to grant our requests and send a cup to drink to the last drop, let us not forget that Jesus not only suffered, but then was also gloriously risen, and that we long for resurrection even through suffering. In fact, we cling to this wretched earth far too much: what would happen to us if we were not occasionally pricked by some thorns? We might then be tempted to build our own paradise on this earth of dust and mud.

Let us trust, therefore, trust boundlessly in God through the Immaculata. Let us strive, according to the means of our mind and our strength, to put things right, but calmly, setting our trust in the Immaculata and always placing the will of God above our own. Our crosses will then become for us (as indeed they should) steps toward the happiness of our resurrection in heaven.

Fr. Maximilian M. Kolbe

Official Act of Consecration to the Immaculata

Composed by St. Maximilian Kolbe

O Immaculata, Queen of Heaven and earth, refuge of sinners and our most loving Mother, God has willed to entrust the entire order of mercy to you. I, (*name*), a repentant sinner, cast myself at your feet humbly imploring you to take me with all that I am and have, wholly to yourself as your possession and property. Please make of me, of all my powers of soul and body, of my whole life, death and eternity, whatever most pleases you.

If it pleases you, use all that I am and have without reserve, wholly to accomplish what was said of you: "She will crush your head," and, "You alone have destroyed all heresies in the world." Let me be a fit instrument in your immaculate and merciful hands for introducing and increasing your glory to the maximum in all the many strayed and indifferent souls, and thus help extend as far as possible the blessed kingdom of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. For wherever you enter, you obtain the grace of conversion and growth in holiness, since it is through your hands that all graces come to us from the most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

V. Allow me to praise you,
O sacred Virgin.

R. Give me strength against your enemies.



The Beginning of a Great Adventure

By Antonella Di Piazza, FKMI,
National Coordinator

St. Maximilian left behind a simple account of the first steps which resulted in the founding of the Militia of the Immaculata (MI). He emphasized how initially the association began with three fellow students of the International Seraphic College, precisely during their summer vacation. Eventually other young friars joined them. Let us listen to St. Maximilian's own memories of that historical October 16, 1917:

“Thus, with the consent of the Fr. Rector, on October 17, 1917, the first meeting of the first seven members took place, namely: (1) Fr. Iosif Pal, a young priest of the Romanian Province; (2) Br. Antoni Głowiński, deacon of the Romanian Province (d. October 18, 1918); (3) Br. Girolamo Biasi, from the Province of Padua (d. 1929); (4) Br. Quirico Pignalberi, of the Roman Province; (5) Br. Antonio Mansi, of the Province of Naples (d. October 31, 1918); (6) Br. Enrico Granata, of the Province of Naples; (7) myself.

“The meeting took place at night, in secret, in a locked, inner cell that was constructed by means of a temporary wall. In front of us there was a little statue of the Immaculata between two lighted candles. Br. Girolamo Biasi acted as secretary. The purpose of this first meeting was the discussion of the ‘program of the MI’ (the enrollment form), especially since Fr. Alessandro Basile, who was also confessor to the Pope [Benedict XV], had promised he would ask the Holy Father for a blessing of the MI” (KW 1278).

From the start, the plan outlined in the original charter of the MI is fascinating and universal: “To reach out to so many unhappy souls, in order to strengthen innocent hearts in goodness, in order to help everyone draw nearer to the Immaculata, Mediatrix of all graces” (cf. KW 1328). In other words,

the MI plan is to work tirelessly for “The happiness of all humanity in God through the Immaculata” (KW 1088).

Yes, the young Maximilian was already an intelligent and creative strategist, an enthusiastic leader, able to bring others to get involved. Above all, he was a daring and passionate disciple of the Lord, who desired ardently *the greatest* glory of God, the spreading of His Kingdom “on earth as it is in heaven,” and the authentic happiness of each person in Him who is its only true source – and this, through the Immaculata.

Through the Blessed Virgin, Maximilian encountered the Lord Jesus and in Him the living Water of eternal Life (cf. Jn 4:14), which has to be shared with everyone. At the foot of the Cross, Mary was the first one to welcome Jesus' thirst, the thirst of the Crucified Love to quench the thirst of our hearts, and Maximilian wanted the MI to be a docile and generous instrument in Our Lady's hands for the fulfilling of this dream: the happiness of all people in God.

If the word “happiness” appears constantly in his *Writings*, we can be sure it's not by mere chance! When later Maximilian would trace the portrait of the Knight of the Immaculata, he wrote that an MI member “does not confine his heart only to himself or to his family, his relatives, his neighbors, his friends, his fellow countrymen. Rather, along with them he embraces the whole world, each and every person individually, for all were redeemed by the Blood of Jesus without exception, and all are our brothers and sisters. He desires true happiness for all, enlightenment through the light of faith, purification from sin, a rekindling of the heart through love for God, a love that sets no limits” (KW 1088).

During this Centennial Year, let us be set ablaze by this passion for the true happiness of all humanity in God through the Immaculata. Let us make it *our* dream, together, with the audacity of St. Maximilian, by inviting others to a deeper relationship with Jesus through consecration to Her!

From the MI National President

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We see this clearly in the writings of St. John Paul II, “Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible to himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it” (cf. *Redeemer of Man*, 25). This is our nature, created for the giving and receiving of love. Hence, prayer is not the mere communication of facts but, as St. Therese of Lisieux would describe it, “For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy” (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2558). It is the cry of Adam's love when he first sees Eve in the beginning.

So, prayer is always the gift of self in sacrificial love to God and the willingness to receive from God the gift of Himself—a call to communion with the Trinity. It is at once so simple but sublime in its implications. The Church and her Saints show us this path and invite us to walk in this same way unto union with God and with one another.

We have talked about prayer from the new Catechism, the Saints and St. Maximilian in particular. How should the Knight of the Immaculata view and understand the role of the Immaculata in our prayer? I think it is well summed up by another Marian Saint who himself was totally consecrated—St. John Paul II.

In St. John Paul's apostolic letter, *On the Most Holy Rosary*, 2002, the Pope expressed, I think, his Marian spirituality in a very concise form. Although his spirituality was applied to the Rosary, it applies in a larger sense to the Kolbean view of prayer as the beginning of mission. The Pope sees prayer and our resulting view of life as going to Mary's School of Love and of having her show us the face of Jesus. By contemplating Jesus with Mary (as a result of our consecration prayer), we learn not just what He taught, but we learn “Him.” Thus, by seeing the “face” of Jesus, Mary takes us quickly to the depths, the depths of His Heart. And so, we see in the saying of our consecration and in the living of it that she leads us to Him—the Bridegroom of our souls—the beginning and the end. “Arise, let us be on our way!”

(to be continued)

Reflection on the March MI Intention

O Immaculata please intercede that the MI may work tirelessly for the building up of the Kingdom of God.

“The soul who is a member of the Militia of the Immaculata, therefore, ceases to be excessively concerned even with its own eternity. It acknowledges that whatever does not depend on its own will, comes from the hand of God through the Immaculata and, insofar as it is up to itself, it endeavors to do all it can in order to know the Will of the Immaculata ever more perfectly and to carry it out ever more faithfully, even if that were to entail many sufferings and sacrifices.” (KW 1329, For a Book)

This is a significant statement of Kolbe, written in 1937, in the fullness of his life. With these expressions he has us understand that all MI members are called to tend toward eternal life. Belonging to the Immaculata isn't only to support one's apostolic journey, but helps to continue on the journey towards eternal happiness. Our earthly existence, entrusted to Mary and illuminated by the means and ends of the MI, becomes a continuous adhering to the Kingdom of God with every fiber of the heart. But this isn't enough. It isn't possible to move on our own on the road to the eternal reward, but it is very important to pray and to work so that others may travel this road.

Fr. Kolbe continues, “A soul who has indeed offered itself up to the Immaculata to this point cannot but exert some influence on the environment around itself, albeit unwittingly. However, it is not content with that, but consciously strives and does all it can in order to win others, too, over to the Immaculata, so that

others may become like it. For this reason, in the act of consecration, this soul prays to the Immaculata: ‘If it pleases you, use all that I am and have without reserve, wholly to accomplish what was said of you: ‘She will crush your head’ [Gn 3:15], and ‘You alone have destroyed all heresies in the whole world’ [Office of the B.V. Mary]. Let me be a fit instrument in your immaculate and merciful hands for introducing and increasing your glory to the maximum in all the many strayed and indifferent souls, and thus help extend as far as possible the blessed Kingdom of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. For wherever you enter you obtain the grace of conversion and growth in holiness, since it is through your hands that all graces come to us from the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.’

“That soul desires to achieve all that at its own expense, at the cost of its own work, at the cost of sacrificing what it has, of the sacrifice of itself, until the last drop of blood is shed. “Thus, it is ready to use all lawful means which its state in life, its condition, and circumstances afford.” (Ibid.)

Maximilian admirably describes the mission of the person who adheres to the MI. He/she prays, works, fights, suffers, offers, so that others may experience the joys of the maternal presence of the Immaculata and of belonging to her. This is done in a continual itinerary of personal sanctification and evangelization. The secrets of the heart cannot remain hidden. Who lives a Kolbean style, cannot but reveal the importance of Mary's role in their lives, in a continuous work of conversion and sanctification throughout one's earthly pilgrimage. Maximilian also invites us to experience the strength of communal fraternity: “One of the means that greatly enhance the results of a soul's efforts is the union between souls like these, with the purpose of directing themselves

toward a common goal in concerted action. That is why the association of the Militia of the Immaculata was born, whose aim, even in its simplest legal form which requires no rigorous organization, makes it possible for souls not only to gain the indulgences granted by the Apostolic See, but also to deepen the idea of the Militia of the Immaculata and to apply it to the normal circumstances of ordinary life. Besides, through the National Center, members can entertain a mutual exchange of points of view and intentions.” (Ibid.)

The journey towards the Kingdom is done in community and in communion. The martyr of Auschwitz believes deeply in fraternal unity. Sharing, exchanging, prayer and the realization of projects must happen in a context of profound unity amongst the brothers. In the course of his life, Maximilian constantly showed the worth of others. He founded the MI with six friars. He envisaged and built the Cities of the Immaculata with many fellow friars. The mission in Japan ripened through the sharing of the friars. His time in Auschwitz was embellished by strong friendships with other prisoners. He does nothing alone. In everything, he refers to the community.

For Reflection

Saint Maximilian Kolbe invites us to see the MI journey as a continual tending towards the Kingdom on the part of every member. Each member, in turn, is called to transmit to others this eschatological tension. Whoever takes on a journey in our association, furthermore, must feel called to fraternal communion, which is fundamental to reach the purpose of the MI.
(From the International MI Office;
Translated by Ann O'Donnell, FKMI)

MI Marian Day of Prayer and Formation

By Suzanne Flint,
MI Village Moderator, Modesto, CA



On February 4, 2017, a Marian Day of Prayer and Formation was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Modesto, California. The half day event was sponsored by both the Adult MI Village and Spanish Family Village. This was the eleventh annual MI event held at our parish providing an English track as well as a Spanish track. In an attempt to try something different, the day was changed to a half day of prayer and reflection in comparison to former years that were full days. We had an increase in attendance with over 200 people enjoying this day of spirituality. The day began with 8:00 a.m. Mass celebrated by our pastor, Fr. Mark Wagner. After a continental breakfast, the morning continued with prayer, praise and worship. Our guest speakers included Ann O'Donnell, FKMI, and Fr. Wagner speaking on *God's Masterpiece- The Immaculate Conception in the Kolbean Spirituality*; Antonella Di Piazza, FKMI and MI National Council member, speaking about *St. Maximilian's Marian Movement- the MI*; and Jillian Cooke, FKMI and Carmen Marquez, FKVI speaking about *Mary: Model of Mission*.

We were blessed to have a first class relic of St. Maximilian Kolbe in our presence throughout our morning, while we were spiritually enriched by listening to our speakers, praying the bilingual Rosary, and praising and worshipping with the aid of Will Frey, cantor and musician. The fruit of our labors and the blessings that we all received resulted in many inquiries into the MI and more than a half dozen people who signed up for the Consecration Preparation class we will teach in March.



Attention MI Members!

We look forward to hearing from local groups/villages. Send news and pictures by the 20th of the month. Thank you!

MI UTAH

St. Mary Catholic Church in West Haven, Utah, now has four MI Villages of the Immaculata. The newest one is the *Flamekeepers Village of the Immaculata*.

“St. Mary Catholic Church's Men's Flamekeepers Group met on February 12, 2017, and decided to become an MI Village to renew our consecrations and ask Mary to come into our group and give us a guiding hand as we are *Brothers through our Blessed Mother*”

Flamekeepers MI Village will meet every 3rd Sunday of the month and annually for our Men's retreat the 2nd full weekend in August. Contact: Adam Ringel: 510-529-1700 or mensretreat.stmarys@gmail.com



Other MI Villages Contact Info Updates:

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Prayer for the MI Centenary Year

Into Your Hands, Immaculate Virgin!

May you be praised, Immaculate Virgin! You have been the light and soul of the MI during the first one hundred years of its life. In order to follow Christ faithfully, like St. Maximilian, we have contemplated your splendid virtues.

In you we have found the strength to love and have brought the charity of your Son everywhere. You still are our consolation in the trials of our lives. You are our light in our work of evangelization. You are our strength in our journey of faith, communion with the Lord and discipleship.

Into your hands we place again today the journey of the MI present throughout the world, so that it may bring to all people the love of the Lord and the beauty of your compassionate and maternal presence.

May our MI apostolate radiate to our brothers and sisters the mercy of God reflected also in your tender care toward each person.

We shall let ourselves be led by you, most sweet Mother, certain that with your protection we will live according to God's will. May the MI centenary year spur us on to be valiant apostles of God's Kingdom and to experience your support in our ecclesial mission. O Immaculata, we let ourselves be led by you! Amen.



Check regularly the MI website
MissionImmaculata.com
 for updates about the MI Centenary Year.
 Find reflections, the lyrics and music of the
 theme song, special events and more!

“If you love the Immaculata, if your heart burns with gratitude to her, offer your contribution to this work, according to your capabilities! It is worth making such an effort! The Immaculata will not forget it! May all MI Knights be zealous in winning the world over to the Immaculata!”

St. Maximilian Kolbe

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